LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



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Commissioners Meeting THURSDAY, July 16, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street Oconomowoc, WI 53066

"The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac LaBelle for today and tomorrow."

Minutes

1. Call to Order

D. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer

Paul Carpenter

Karen Carr

Ryan Myhre

Terry Largent

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Lou Morgan

3. Comments from the Floor

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

4. <u>Correspondence</u>

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc regarding Lake Level Reports (6/22 and 7/10)

June 19, 2015 – Wisconsin Lakes eLetter re: One More Week to the NWLC!

June 23, 2015 - Wisconsin Lakes eLetter re: State Budget Update

June 25, 2015 - Wisconsin Lakes eLetter re: Lake Policy Report

June 25, 2015 – Ben Heussner re: LLBMD Annual Meeting

June 28, 2015 – Lisa Conley re: Shoreland Zoning Letter

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June 29, 2015 – Tom Steinbach re: OWPP

June 30, 2015 – Beverly Saunders re: SEWRPC meeting-July 27, 2015

July 9, 2015 – Andy re: Fishing on LLB

July 9, 2015 - Wisconsin Lakes eLetter re: Action Alert-Shoreland Zoning

July 13, 2015 – (Phone call) Bob Wakeman re: Starry Stonewort Informational Meeting

July 15, 2015 – Debbie Harmeling re: Horton Insurance

July 16, 2015 – Bob Wakeman re: Invite to Participate in Starry Stonewort Discussion

July 16, 2015 – Ben Heussner re: Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study

P. Carpenter provided information regarding his conversation with Andy on July 9, 2015, noting it was helpful to learn about the impacts of DNR fishing regulations on the fishery in Lac La Belle from a fisherman's perspective.

5. Approval of June 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

R. Myhre moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015 LLBMD Commissioners meeting as presented. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>

R. Myhre distributed the July 16, 2015 Treasurer's Report to Commissioners. He reviewed the items remaining regarding the transfer of accounts to Ixonia State Bank. The final payment in the amount of \$11,216.44 was made to the Village of Lac La Belle for the Cooperative Streambank Restoration project.

K. Carr moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

P. Carpenter moved to approve the Payment Authorizations as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discuss & Act on 2014 & 2015 Shoreland Restoration Programs

K. Carr explained the rankings for the three 2015 Shoreland Restoration program participants provided to Commissioners. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of each site location and topography. With regard to the 2014 Shoreland Restoration program participant's project, it was noted that the 2014 project was originally designed to include the lower half of the site; however, after weed eradication took place last fall

and renewed weed growth this spring took place, the recommendation from Lisa Reas, Shoreland Restoration consultant, was to construct the upper half and lower half at one time. As a result, the anticipated project cost increased. The participant had requested consideration of the two projects as one overall project at this time with additional funding from the 2015 Shoreland Restoration program budget because a secondary project had now been needed. Discussion ensued. Additional discussion took place regarding the number of potential projects slated for the 2015 Shoreland Restoration program and resulting consulting fees to complete all projects.

R. Myhre moved to approve the Parkins project, up to \$2,000 and the Wallace project, up to \$900 from the 2015 Budget, to carry forward the fund balance from the 2014 Budget Shoreland Restoration program for the Funke project in the amount of \$2,000 and to allocate an additional \$1,000 for the Funke project from the 2015 Budget and to have all 2014 and 2015 Shoreland Restoration Program projects completed no later than November 1, 2015. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle & Buoy Reimbursement Grant

P. Carpenter explained the Buoy Reimbursement Grant paperwork would be completed by the next Commission meeting. T. Largent explained the buoys had been checked for appropriate placement according to GPS designated locations since the last Commission meeting. All buoys were currently in the correct locations.

10. Update on 2015 Goose Round-Up

No additional Round-Up dates were utilized since the last Commission meeting.

11. <u>Update on Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study-Ben Heussner</u>

S. Keefe, of Accurate Business Communications, Inc. reported Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, was not able to be in attendance at this meeting; however, would be able to attend the Annual Meeting on August 27, 2015. An update regarding purchase of two receivers and seven tags for the Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study was noted. The project was slated to begin in March, 2016 if project funding could be made available by interested partners. Discussion ensued regarding possible funding for the Carp Telemetry Study, noting Lac La Belle was known for its carp population. Historical efforts to bring it under control had been a focus of the District's efforts over time.

P. Carpenter moved to allocate \$5,000 in the 2016 Budget for funding of the Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study in cooperation with the DNR. K.

Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discuss & Act on Starry Stonewort Found in Little Muskego Lake

D. Bauer explained the DNR had invited several lake districts to an informational meeting on Starry Stonewort, a new invasive species to area waterways. Discussion ensued regarding identification of Starry Stonewort and activities being undertaken by the DNR and other groups to eradicate and prevent the species from taking hold in area lakes. Public education was considered key to prevention. Starry Stonewort had not been found in Lac La Belle at this time.

13. Discuss & Act on Shoreland Zoning – State Budget

This item was not discussed. The State Budget had already been signed by Governor Walker.

14. <u>Discuss & Act on Oconomowoc River Watershed Protection Program</u>

D. Bauer provided an update regarding recent activities by the Oconomowoc River Watershed Protection Program participants related to a grant received to offset administrative costs for the program.

15. Discuss & Act on Preliminary 2016 Budget & Annual Audit

A preliminary 2016 draft budget was distributed to Commissioners at this time. The preliminary budget was reviewed. Various categorical amounts to be placed in the budget were discussed. A review and discussion of a detailed proposed budget would take place at the Annual Meeting. Commissioners discussed the fund balance in the budget and the rationale for having a reserve in the budget each year. Rather than remove the reserves contribution for this year, a reduction in the amount could be made. This reduction would allow all programs to proceed in 2016 with a reduction in the overall budget. The Annual Audit was scheduled to be conducted in the next month with a report given at the August 27, 2015 Annual Meeting.

K. Carr moved approval of the 2016 Preliminary Budget as discussed. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

16. Discuss & Act on August 27, 2015 Annual Meeting Notice

P. Carpenter moved to approve the August 27, 2015 Annual Meeting Notice as presented.

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R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

17. Update on LLBMD Website

- S. Keefe noted lake levels had been updated and information pertaining to identification of Starry Stonewort had been placed on the website since the last Commission meeting.
 - a. Topics for the Website
 - Additional information on Starry Stonewort

18. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. The Annual Meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for August 27, 2015 at 7 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. Anyone interested in applying for the position of Commissioner should contact current LLBMD Commissioners for information.

19. Agenda Items for Next Commissioners Meeting

- Update on Starry Stonewort Informational meeting
- Update on 2014 & 2015 Shoreland Restoration Programs
- Update on Navigational Buoy Reimbursement Grant

20. Adjournment

K. Carr moved to adjourn the July 16, 2015 LLBMD Commission meeting. T. Largent seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.